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CUYAHOGA RIVER — INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

Small Flood Control Projects

Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, As Amended

Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- In Cuyahoga County, approximately 11 miles southwest of the City of Cleveland, Ohio

Project Description

- The tentatively selected plan includes a 2,600-foot earthen levee and an 800-foot concrete floodwall system designed to manage flood risks for a 52.5-acre area with two closure structures. The area protected is primarily light industrial and commercial north of Old Rockside Road and west of the Cuyahoga River.
- The feasibility study is 100 percent federally funded up to \$100,000. Costs over \$100,000 are cost shared 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal.

- Design and implementation is cost shared 65 percent federal and 35 percent nonfederal.

Importance

- Continual overbank flooding of the Cuyahoga River plagues residences and businesses within the city's limits.
- Heavy flooding in July 2006 precipitated a flood and coastal storm damage reduction study request.
- In July 2006, six counties, including Cuyahoga County, were eligible to receive disaster assistance.

Consequences

- Without taking measures, the City of Independence will continue to incur financial damages related to flood events.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Design/Implementation ¹	\$3.92M	\$160K	\$250K	-	\$250k	TBD

(1) Includes \$100K for Independent External Peer Review, also a 100 percent federal expense

Project Sponsor/Customer

- City of Independence, Ohio, through a letter of intent in July 2006.

Congressional Interests

- Representative David Joyce R OH-14
- Senator Sherrod Brown D OH
- Senator Rob Portman R OH

Current Status

- The Project Partnership Agreement was executed and signed by USACE and the City of Independence. The Project Delivery Team has started work on the Detailed Design Report.

Issues

- Working with City of Independence to coordinate the 205 project and existing bridge project being constructed by the City.

Figure 1: Map showing proposed project location



Figure 2: Photo showing flooding within the proposed protected area

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